

Put Your Best Foot Forward on Early Learning Advocacy Day: Attend a Training Session on May 6

The Delaware Early Childhood Council, in collaboration with many public and private sector partners, is sponsoring an advocacy training event on Delaware Early Learning Advocacy Day, May 6, 2015.

Early Learning: We Need, We Care, Our Future! That's the rallying cry for Early Learning Advocacy Day on May 6, 2015, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, at Legislative Hall in Dover. This year's Advocacy Day sponsor is the Delaware Early Childhood Council. If you are an early learning provider, parent, business or community leader, we urge you to participate in the day by wearing yellow, showing your support for quality early learning and meeting with our state legislators.

Kick off your involvement by participating in a FREE early learning advocacy training workshop as part of this year's Advocacy Day. The training will be fun and interactive and is specific to early learning to prepare you for the day.

The training will be facilitated by Devona Williams, Ph. D., Office of Early Learning consultant.

Attend and you will:

- 1. Learn about the current state of Delaware's youngest learners, families, and early childhood programs
- 2. Understand the legislative process and how to influence policy makers
- 3. Identify ways to support quality early learning in your community
- 4. Participate in "hands on" work sessions: What you say to your legislator, Writing a testimonial, Writing an editorial.

For last year's participants, the training has been updated with current data so please plan to attend again.

Registration opens March 15 and can be found on the DAEYC and GreatStartsDelaware websites. Participants must register in advance. Space is available for the first 100 registrants on a first come, first serve basis.

Training will be held at the Dover Public Library at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 6, and includes comprehensive handouts and a boxed lunch.

Can't make Advocacy Day, but still want Early Learning Advocacy training for your organization? Contact Devona Williams at devogo@aol.com.

If you would like to provide literature for the Advocacy Day information table, please contact Joanna Sullivan joannasullivan99@gmail.com.